LOCAL NEWS.

Though THE STAR Is printed on the faster steam press in use south of Baltimore, its edition is so large as to require it to be put to press at an early hour; Advertisements, therefore, should be sent in before 12 o'clock m.; otherwise they may not appear until the next day.

Notice.—District of Columbia Advertisement to be inserted in the BALTIMORE SUN are received at and forwarded from THE STAR Office.

CITY COUNCILS, Dec. 17 - Board of Aldermen .-The board met at the usual hour The monthly report of the Intendant of the Asylum was received and referred.

The petitions of W. H. Dice for remission of a fine; of John Walsh for a similar purpose; of Geo Savage for same; of Geo McNaughton for refunding of money erroneously paid to the Corporation.

Mr. Dunnington asked the unanimous conser of the board to make a statement. It would b remembered that at the last meeting of the board he had got a bill passed for a fire plug hydrant on Capitol Hill. After it passed the board, the speaker went down to the lower board to attend to its passage through that board, and there as-certained that a bill passed the boards some time age for the same purpose, but had not for some reason been executed. The speaker went to the Mayor about it, and was informed that he had ordered the work to be done by the contractor; that if the business was neglected it was through no fault of the executive. He stated that h would willingly have the act carried into effect and authorized the speaker to write to the Water Registrar in relation to it. He had done so, and had received the following reply, which he asked

WATER REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, Washington, Dec 12, 1860 }
C. W. Dunnington, Esq.,—Dear Sir: I have your note of this date relative to the erection of fire plug at Second street east and Pennsylvania avenue. July 13th, 1860, is the date of the appro val by the Mayor of an act to provide for the erec-tion of fire plugs, by which it is enacted "that the Water Purveyor be and he is hereby directed to cause a fire plug, of the Ayers patent, to be erected at each of the following points along the twelve-inch water-mains laid by the United States, viz : The southwest corner of square seven hun-

dred and twenty-nine; northeast corner of square seven hundred and thirty-two, etc., etc.," October 18, 1860, is the date of a contract be-tween Thomas W. Miller, of the first part, and the Mayor of the city of Washington, of the second part, whereby the party of the first part covenants and agrees " to erect all the side-walk fire plugs which, by the party of the first part, have been ordered, or from time to time may be ordered during the current year, 1860, in conformity to the printed proposals and specifications marked A, hereto annexed; which are to be deemed and taken as a part of this contract " Of those specifications " marked A," one provision inserted in conformity with the requirements of the act approved June 2, 1859, entitled "an act regulating the distribution of Potomac water t'iroughout the city of Washington," is in these words: "All the fire plugs will be erected under the supervision and inspection of the Water Parveyor, who will require the best and most accurate workmanship, etc., etc." October 26, 1860, the Mayor directed Thomas W. Miller, Esq, contractor, as follows: "Please proceed at once under your contract and erect combined fire plugs and service hydrants of the Melgs' pattern, similar to that in front of the City Hall, at the following designated points, viz,"etc., etc. "You will also please erect Ayers' fire-plugs at the following designated points, viz: southwest corner of square northeast corner of square 732; etc., etc. filling out the list of localities as prescribed by existing laws at the date of the order, and concluding thus : "The above work will be done, as pecified in your contract, under the superintendence and direction of the Water Purveyor, who will in every case designate the precise locality of the plug " You will perceive from the above statement that everything in the power of this office to do to secure the accommodation and protection requested in your note has already been done. The public advertisement, the specifications, the contract, the order for the work under the contract, all emanated, as they should, from this office; the latter being prepared as a matter of ordinary routine in this office for the approval and signature of the Mayor. Of the causes which have prevented the contractor's compliance with the Mayor's order, I cannot speak from my own personal knowledge except to this extent—that the contractor, Mr. Miller, from the period of his receipt of the order up to the time when the winter set in, was frequently in this office expressing always his anxiety to get to work and finish by the first of December, and his inability to procure from the Water Purveyor the designation of the localities of the plugs which the Mayor had ordered him to erect according to and in pursuance of that officer's designation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, RANDOLPH COYLES The communication was read by the secretary:

Mr. Dunnington went on to say that it was plain there was no use in passing acts here, if the officers charged with their execution were remiss in their duty. Here, it was evident the work was ordered to be done, the order was issued in due form, the contractor was required to go on with the work; and yet it would seem that the Purveyor, for some reason or other, had not complied. If the Purveyor is to blame, let us find it out; if any one else is, let it appear; but, for one, he could not bear the idea of our citizens suffering the loss of their property (as he had seen very recently, by reason of the gross neglect of somebody to have a fire-plug erected on Capitol Hill, at a certain point.) without redress of some sort. Had this fire-plug been erected, as required by law, a good house, which was destroyed by fire a few nights ago, near the place designated for it, would have been saved Mr. McNerhany moved that the communica-

tion be laid on the table, and that the following resolution be passed: Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby respectfully requested to inform this board at its next meeting, why the contract with Thomas W. Miller, dated October 18, 1860, for the erection of

fire-plug hydrants, has not been executed. Mr. Fisher offered the following amendment: "And also to inform this board whether the necessary outlets for the erection of sidewalk fireplugs have been left in the city mains, at or near the 12-inch main, along Pennsylvania avenue; and also to inform this board why the sidewalk fire-plug at the corner of Third street and Mis-

sour avenue was erected by other parties than the legal contractors." Mr. F. said that he had given up all idea of remedying the existing evils in respect to the distribution of the Potomac water by legislation. He would do everything in his power, if legislation

should be attempted, to throw all the light he could upon the subject.

Mr. Dove thought that the only way to reach the evil was by legislation. For one he was willing to go into the matter, and use his best efforts to put a stop to the present difficulties. He was sure that if the gentleman from the Second Ward

would have a little patience the thing could be done, and properly done. After further discussion the resolution was adopted as amended. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Joint resolution relative to protecting the interests of this Corporation in the Washington and Alexandria Railroad Company; passed. Resolution as follows was passed:

Resolved, That the Mayor be respectfully requested to communicate to this board what amount

if any of the \$88,265.14 (balance of the old float-ing debt of the city unpaid on the 2d of April, 1860) still remains unliquidated. Bill to place a wooden trunk at the intersection of Third street east and Maryland avenue; passed. of Third street east and Maryland avenue; passed. Bill for partially grading a portion of Half street west; passed. Bill to drain Fourth atreet east, near Virginia avenue; passed. Bill to repair the interior and the streets west and south of the Center Markethouse; passed. Bill to repair gravel footwalk in the Sixth Ward; passed. Bill authorizing the Mayor to offer a reward of \$500 for the arrest of incendiaries; referred. Concurrent resolution requiring that when the two boards adjourn to-night it be to Monday, Dec. 31, 1860; passed. Bill for the relief of John H. McCutchen;

Common Council .- The Mayor, by request, returned the bill relating to market regulations; re-The Intendant's report of the Asylum was re-

Mr. Emerson introduced Poill authorizing the Mayor to offer a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of incendiaries; passed.

Also, petition of butchers in the Northern Market; referred.

Mr. Jones offered a joint resolution adjourning the two boards from this evening till December

Mr. Mohun, from drainage committee, reported Aldermen's bill making appropriations for ex-penses attending the distribution of Potomac

penses attending the distribution of Potomac water; passed.

Mr. Van Reswick, from improvements committee, reported bills for repairs of Center Markethouse; for relief of G. W. Eslin; Aldermen's bill for setting curb and paving sidewalk on the west front of square 382; passed.

Mr. Mulloy, from claims committee, reported bills for relief of John Fitzgerald; for relief of Wm. McBeth, John Wade, John H. McCutchen; passed; and asked to be discharged from considering Alderman's bill for relief of Eugene Sweeny, Aldrich Young, B. H. Chever and Albert Campbell, and the petition of Daniel Quin, discharge granted.

granted.

Mr. Easby, by leave, offered a joint resolution authorizing an alteration of fire-plugs now on hand to the Lowry patent; referred to drainage

Mr. Morgan offered a joint resolution directing the drainage committee to inquire into the expediency of making arrangements for keeping the plugs now laid down, in order for use; adopted.

Bills from the Aldermen to place a four-way, fire plug at Second street east and Pennsylvania

avenue; for paving and curbing east fronts of squares 126 and 163, were taken from the table and

The military bill came up as unfinished business, on the motion to lay on the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed at the last meeting. Under the operation of the previous question the bill was rejected, and effectually killed by a motion to reconsider, which was laid on the table. We have never seen in the Councils a warrant content for the research Councils a warmer contest for the passage of any bill, however important.

Mr. Morgan called up the joint resolution of the Aldermen for the protection of the interest of this corporation in the Alexandria and Washington

Railroad; adopted.

Mr. Bryan offered a resolution requesting the

commissioner of the Northern Market to sign a transfer of a market stall from R. Butt to Wm. Bell, pending which the Board adjourned.

CENTRAL GUARDHOUSE CASES. - Mary Ann Johnson was arrested for larceny; but upon a hearing this morning the larceny case was disnissed, and Mary Ann was sent to the workhouse for 90 days, under the vagrancy act. Dan'l Keefy and John Drunk were drunk and disorderly in the street; sent down for 90 days, to work out the fine street; sent down for 90 days, to work out the fine and costs, which they had not provided for. Jos. Sayroke was brought in, bleeding and wounded, by Mr Wm. Jones and a Seventh-ward policeman. This morning he was brought out for a hearing on a charge of burglary. Upon opening the cell the floor was a pool of blood, from the wounds in his head. It appeared upon trial that last night the prisoner made an attempt to force an entrance into the dwelling of Mr. Jones, near Four-and-a-half st, in the Seventh Ward, and had succeeded in hoisting a window, when he was discovered. Mr. Jones seized a gun, but it was discovered. Mr. Jones seized a gun, but it being unloaded he took a cudgel, and overtaking the prisoner, grasped him. The prisoner tried to escape, and Mr. Jones struck him with the stick, inflicting several severe wounds upon his head.
Dr Toner was sent for, and administered all the relief he was able; but soon after the trial, and before he could be taken to jail, to which he was sentenced by Justice Donn, Sayroke died, and was laid out in the guard-house. He is the same individual who attempted suicide in the old guard-house a year or two ago, by cutting his throat with a butcher knife, nearly severing the windpipe. He is a German, formerly a profes-

CRIMINAL COURT .- Yesterday, Julia Newton (colored,) charged with grand larceny, was con-victed of petit larceny, and sent to jail six months. Charles Cassidy was tried and acquitted on a charge of assault on Michael Ash.

Abraham Johnson, (colored,) charged with stealing some pots of plants, was convicted and sentenced te six months in jail.

Anna Bogle was tried and convicted on a charge of stealing two cloaks, a shirt, wrapper, bedspread, tablecloth, and China vases, in all worth about \$56, from Mr. Charles McNamee. Sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Wesley Mahoney was tried and found guilty on

a charge of stealing chickens, a pot, basket, &c. from Emily Staples. Sentenced to six months in To-day, Ellen Lewis was tried on a charge of stealing a shawl valued at \$5, and three flat-frons valued at 25 cents each, from Mary Ann Burns. The case was pending when our reporter left.

WHAT COMPANY C THINKS .- Company C Washington Light Infantry, assembled at their armory on Monday evening, the 17th inst. The endorsement of certain resolutions previously adopted by companies A and B, of the battalion. expressive of their determination "to stand by the stars and stripes so long as a shred remained," was proposed, upon which a discussion arose, when they were laid on the table by an overwhelming vote, because a clause in the constitution of the company probibits any political dis-cussion, and, also, because the true interests and prosperity of the company demand that said clauss of the constitution should be observed, and for further and more potent reason that said resolutions were inappropriate under the existing affairs of the nation.

Y. M. C. A .- The prayer meeting held last eve ning at the assembly rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association was much better attended than in the morning—the rooms being full. The meeting was opened by the Rev. Dr. Smith, and continued by Rev. Dr Noble. Much interest on behalf of the nation and its difficulties was manifested, and many fervent prayers and exhortations were offered, invoking peace and concord among the brethren throughout the land; of the church, as well as political.

We understand that there is to be a Fair at their rooms, commencing this evening, for the benefit of the Mission Sabbath Schools connected with and sustained by the Association, gotten up by the young ladies of the schools. They should be encouraged by a handsome donation.

"THE UNION FOREVER."-This morning a beautiful flag, "the Stars and Stripes," was hoisted upon the staff over the Perseverance engine house, in Center Market Space, and with it a streamer, upon which was imprinted, in legible characters, "The Union ferever." The market being full, with representatives of nearly every State in the Union attending it, the flag and streamer attracted much attention, and drew forth the commendation of hundreds. The flag was elevated by order of the company, which passed a resolution to this effect at a recent meeting.

The Franklin Fire Company, which yesterday had their flag half masted in respect to the memory of a venerable and respected member and esteemed citizen, to-day at noon ran it up to the masthead-the flag of the Union.

GRAND CONCERT .- The Society of St. Vincent of Paul will give a fine vocal and instrumental concert at Willard's Hall, on Thursday evening, December 27. The services of the best musical talent of our city and Georgetown have been se-cured; and the entire concert will be under the direction of Mr. Thomas N. Caulfield, whose ability as a musical director is duly recognised and appreciatee. The entire proceeds of the con-cert will be applied to the relief of the poer of this city. When we consider the great misery now existing, and which, on account of the present state of things, will beyond doubt increase, our citizens, we are sure, will willingly aid an un-dertaking which has so laudable an object in

WE WOULD call particular attention of our readers to the sale at auction, this evening, of ele-gant household furniture, works of art, paintings, fancy ornaments. &c., to take place at Wood ward's new store, under the supervision of our friends J. C. McGuire & Co. The assortment embraces a fine collection of rosewood and walnut parlor suits, covered in the richest satin brocatelle; resewood bureaus, parlor etegeres, and one magnificent walnut marble-top sideboard, and a pearl-keyed piano forte of superior tone and workmanship. Many other articles worthy of notice can be seen by calling at the store as above. We understand this sale is peremptory, and is caused by the financial crisis in New York city.

DR. M. SCHLOSSER, the celebrated Surgeon Chiropodist, of Paris and Havana, is new on his second visit to Washington, (see advertisement in another column.) The Doctor's system of treating corns, bunions, and all diseases of the feet, without cutting or causing the least pain, has been acquired by many years of study and experience. We judge from the certificates shown that those who are in need of his treatment could not do better than consult him. His stay in Washington will be short. Many ladies and gentlemen have already consulted him, and been successfully treated.

THE LADIES FESTIVAL AND FAIR, of the Meth-THE LADIES FESTIVAL AND FAIR, of the Methodist Protestant Church, now holding at Thorn's Hall, Seventh street, between D and E, was very largely attended last night. There was a sumptuous supper, prepared by the ladies, and music by the band, and many good things, and a most delightful time. It was really good to be therevery one seemed to be delighted. It is continued to-night, and a crowd may be expected. Let all go and enjoy themselves, and encourage the ladies to pay for their parsonage. to pay for their parsonage.

THEATER LAST NIGHT.—Mr. E. Eddy made his first appearance before a Washington audience last night. in his celebrated character of Jack Cade, which was received by an appreciative audience with hearty indications of satisfaction. To-night our citizens have an opportunity of seeing Mr. Eddy in what is regarded as one of his best characters—that of Cardinal Richelleu. The performance to conclude with "Dutch Actor," in which Mr. Glenn, the popular manager, will appear in his great Dutch part.

MAGISTRATE's DECISION .- in the case of the United States agt. Kelly, reported in the Star a day or two since, in which the defendant was accused of feloniously entering the shop of Mr. Davis, and extracting a "quantity of pipe, gas fixings," etc., the magistrate (Thompson) decided that no felony was committed, (it being in proof that a partnership existed between Davis & Kelly;) and the defendant was therefore discharged

from custody. Whose is it?—Detective officer Allen in his researches last week came upon a colored individual who had in possession a small lepine watch of the oldest pattern, gold, enamelled back, probably a family relic. It is supposed that it was stolen. Allen has it to be identified.

RAFFLE, RAFFLE, RAFFLE -The organ, with the monkey show attached, will positively come off this evening immediately after the sale of furniture, &c., &c., at Woodward's new store. Parties desirous of obtaining chances can do so any time during the day or evening at \$2 each.

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READ the advertisement of Mrs. Cruit, in another column, and if you want anything in the jewelry line, give her a call. She has an assort-ment suitable for holiday presents.

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WANTS.

WANTED-By a French lady, a SITUATION as seamstress and chambermaid. Best reference given. Apply at the Bakery No. 169 Twenty. WANTED—Thirty good LABORERS. Liberal wages and steady work will be given to good men. For further information apply thit day and to-morrow at the Intelligence Office No. 12 Louisiana avenue, nearly opposite City Hall.

WANTED TO RENT-A conveniently arranged small HOUSE, with seven or eight rooms, and water in ya'd. situated anywhere between H and I and Fourth and Seventh streets. Address E. S. Z., through City Post Office, stating locality and price. STABLE WANTED—A gentleman desires a private stable or stable-room (must be close and comfortable,) with good and faithful attendance for his riding horse. Prefers to find his own feed. Answers must give price for stable-room and attendance only, or they will not be noticed. Address "l'aul." City Post Office. de 17-2t*

WANTED—A smart, active, sober and honest YOUNG MAN, to drive a milk wagen. Also two Men, to work in a dairy, and a good Farm Hand. Intemperate men need not apply, at Locust Will Farm, Seventh street road, near the First Toll Gate.

DRUGGIST.—An experienced druggist desires a re-engagement as clerk in a drug store. References of the highest character will be given. Address "Pharmacien," Star Office. de 12 6t WANTED-SECOND HAND FURNITURE.
Persons declining housekeeping, or having a surplus of Furniture on hand, can obtain the cash

and fair prices by applying at 269 Seventh st.
no 17
BONTZ & GRIFFITH. WANTED IMMEDIATELY—From \$5 to \$16,000 worth of SECOND-HAND FURNI TURE of all kinds, for which I will guaranty to pay the highest prices, and, as usual, at the shortest notice.

R. BUCHLY,

Dealer in Furniture Stoves, &c.

Dealer in Furniture, Stoves, &c., 408 7th st., bet. G and H, east side.

PERSONAL.

MILTON GARRETT, 204 G street, returns thanks to the Franklin Pire Insurance Company for prompt payment of damages by the recent fire, and to our friends, neighbors and firemen for their kindness in our misfortune. * de 18 St* THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm of D. J. Bishor & Co., expired by limitation on the 1st inst, Mr. Bishop withdrawing therefrom. Mr. J. C. Moran will continue the business at the old place, and is alone authorized to settle the affairs of the late firm.

D J. HSHOP.

J. C. MORAN.

Having purchased the entire interest of Mr D J. Bishop, in the late firm of Bishop & Co., I begto inform the public that I am prepared to supply their demands, for Books, Stationery and Periodical Literature, in all their varieties, with the same promptness as heretofore. Having an extensive experience in the business, I feel justified in promising entire satisfaction to all who may favor me with their patrocage.

J. C. MORAN.

D. J. BISHOP will continue the Book, Stationery and Periodical Business at his old established store, No. 216 Penn. avenue, under Willards' Hotel.

BOARDING.

SUPERIOR BOARD—A gentleman and wife and two young men can obtain fine rooms, good table, and all home comforts. In a central location. To persons desiring such, this is an opportunity seldom offered. Apply at this office for further particulas.

DOARDING.—A family, or two or three gentle-men, can be accommodated with Hoard at No. 453 Ninth street, one door south of F st. Terms moderate One of the largest and most desirable Rooms in the house, furnished with water and gas, is now unoccupied. Table Boarders accommo-dated.

LOST AND FOUND.

OST-On Friday night, a small tan TERRIER
SLUT, lame in right leg; had on a
green and white collar, with silver
buckle. A liberal reward will be given if
returned to J. D. HOOVER de 18 St* OST-A young black Newfoundland DOG, marked with white streek in the face, white breast, four white feet, and white on the end of the tail. Any person 'hat-will return him will be liberally rewarded, de 18-2t*

L. H. YOUNG, \$32 12th st.

Market, on Sunday evening last, a sorrel MARE, about 15 hands high, 7 or 8 years old, blind in the left eye, and corn on the left front foot. The above reward will be paid for her return (or for information that may lead to the same) to R. DARNES'S Livery Stable, on Bridge street, opposite the Market, Georgetown.

GAUTIER'S FRENCH RESTAURANT. DINNER AND SUPPER PARTIES.

In soliciting your patronage, would respectfully call your attention to his elegant suits of PAR-LORS, RECEPTION and DINING-ROOMS, furnished in the most fashionable style, and always ready to accommodate several parties at any moment. 222 Pa avenue. PEDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF GAS.

Office of Washinston Gas Light Co., November 30, 1360.

Notice is hereby given that the charge for gas consumed after the dist day of December next, will be three dollars and fifteen cents per thousand cubic feet, to all those whose bills are paid as required by the act of Congress, approved June 25, 1869, to wit: "At the office of the Company, w thin five days from the rendit on thereof, provided all arrears shall have been previously paid."

J. F. BROWN, Secretary in Charge, Secretary in Charge, no 30 eo4w

AT FRENCH & RICHSTLIN'S, 276 PA. Av.

Agents for the whole World.

Folks Songa, elegantly bound, printed on toned paper, full Turkey Gi t; prior \$16 if sent by mail.

The Moral History of Woman, from the French of Ernest Legore, translated by J. W. Palmer; M. D; price \$1 by mail.

All of Marion Harland's Books, Nemesis, Moss Side, Hidden Path and Alone; price each \$1.25 by mail.

CREAT BARGAINS IN PIANOS.—One very mice seven-octave Carved Plano Forte, having been in use a short time only, the owner leaving the city, for sale for \$200 to the seven of the seven of the seven of the seven of \$135, at the Masio Store of W. G. METZERUTT, Sole Agency of Stainway & Sons' Overstrang Pisnos.

VIRGINIA MONEY.

GEORGETOWN.

Correspondence of The Star.

GEORGETOWN, December 18, 1860 Mr. Henry Craig, teacher of the night school, has furnished us with a list of the ages of the pupils now in attendance. There are 40, with an average attendance of about 32 or 30. There is one boy aged 12, one 14, and the others range from 15 to 20, making an average of 17 years. He says some of the older pupils are advancing rapidly, and the school is in a most pros-perous condition. Most of the pupils attend vol-untarily, and from a desire to acquire the rudi-ments of education, of which they begin to feel the want, and on that account they are easily managed and learn rapidly, Indeed, if only one such youth should be taught the elementary branches, it would be worth the whole cost of the school The object of this notice, as of the first, is to advance the interests of the school and the cause

of education in our city.

The Potomac Light Infantry run up the national flag on their armory flag staff this morning, and will leave it there as a token of their attachment to the Union and respect for the laws of the land. We were aroused last night by delicious strains of music, which led us to infer that some "faire ladye" neighbor was being serenaded, and that the serenaders were probably our young friends of the Amaton Musical Association. At any rate, we got the full benefit of the performance

GEORGETOWN ADVERT'MTS

RECEIVED, on consignment, by EVAN LY ONS, fifty barrels APPLES. For sale low.

APPLES.
Greenings, Russets, Romans, Moodies, Pippins, &c., in prime order, just arrived per schooner J. W. Seaver. For sale upon secommodating terms by JNO. W. LUMSDON, de 18-2t* No. 75 Water st., Georgetown. NEW DRY GOODS STORE

The undersigned, having taken the Dry Goods Store on the corner of High and Gay streets, (formerly W. R. Hurdle's,) will keep at all times on hand a great variety of the newest and most fashionable Day GOODS, FANCY GOODS, DRESS TRIMMINGS, &c., &c., which will be sold as cheap as the changest

cheap as the cheapest.
de 18-1w Mrs. FRANCES DEMAR. ARGE AND DESIRABLE FIRST-CLASS
HOUSE FOR RENT OR LEASE, situated
on Bridge street, Georgetown, a short distance
from Omnibus Stand, and, having been built for
the owner's private residence, offers many advantages and conveniences to those wishing to rent;
containing four stories, with laundry, furnace, and
extensive cellars, servants' room, &c. Next floor
contains kitchen, butler's pantry, with every appurtenance; dining-rooms spacious The floor
above contains spacious drawing-room and librapurtenance; dining-rooms spacious The floor above contains spacious drawing-room and library, or reception room, hall and bay windows; the windows have inside shutters and French plate glass; fire-places occupied by beautiful marble mantels; ceilings high and embellished by exquisitely made cornice and center-piece; jib windows open upon the rear porticos, which extend the entire width and afford denghtful promenades. The floor of vestibule is laid in marble tiles and solid mahogany, highly polished; continuous hand rails lead from this hall to passages above. Second floor contains bed chamber, closets, bath-rooms, dressing room, and convenient arrangements for Potomac water and gas-lights; the mantels and hand basins are of polished marble, with ailver-plated ornaments. Third floor, the arrangements are somewhat similar, with the addition of c othesroom, er linea-room. Handsome stable, carriage-house, coachman's room; garden planted in fruit of every kind, and terraced. The rent will be mederate, and possession given immediately. Inquire erate, and possession given immediately. Inquire on premises, 237 Bridge st., Georgetown. de 18 law3w Mrs. VINCENT TAYLOR.

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BELS. Prime No. 1 BALDWIN APPLES, per schooner J. and N. Baker. Will be sold on reasonable terms by J. G. WATERS, de 17 No. 109 Water st, Georgetown.

500 NEW HAMPSHIRE APPLES.

Greenings and Pippens.

1 Baldwin's Nonesuch Just arrived per schooner J. W. Seaver, and for sale in lots to suit customers.

HARTLEY * BRO.,

99 and 101 Water at. OYSTERS! OYSTERS!!! OYSTERS!

OYSTERS!!!

The undersigned has opened an OYSTER DEPOT on High street, near the corner of
Gay, and can furnish, atall times, Raw,
Stewed, Fried, Roasted, or Scalded
OYSTERS. Parties can be served in
private rooms. Families supp ied with
Oysters or FISH, by leaving their orders as above.
de 11-1m

J. V. COLLINS. JUST RECEIVED—
10 hhds. prime Porto Rico SUGARS,
150 bbls. Old Rye WHISKY,
250 bbls. HERRING and ALEWIVES,
50 bbls. Crushed and Refined SUGARS,
30 bags Rio and Java COFFEE,
10 hhds. (low-priced) MOLASSES.
For sale by JOHN J. BOGUE.

JUST Arrived and for sale cheap for cash.
no 13

ARNY & SHINN.

MASSEY, COLLINS & CO.'S PHILADELPHIADRAUGHT ALE.—We are constantly
receiving fresh supplies of the above delightful beverace, and invite all persons who want a pure unadulterated Ale, to give it a trisl.

ARNY & SHINN, Agenta,
fe • 67 Green st.. Georgetown.

FOR SALE AND RENT.

For other "For Sale and Rent" advertisements, see first page.

ROOMS FOR RENT-Good Rooms, comforta-bly furnished, with or without Board, in houses Nos. 475 and 477 Thirteenth st., three doors from Pa. avenue. de 18-21*

FOR RENT-in a private family, two large Front Rooms, lighted with gas, convenient to Capitol, Terms moderate. Inquire 484 7th st. d'5 3" 2,000 ACFRS OF CHOICE LAND IN changed for improved Washington city property at fair prices. Address "Trader," Box 30° City Post Office, giving location of property. de 15-1w* FOR RENT-A three-story and basement FRAME HOUSE, near Pa av., on Tenth, between G and H sts., No. 413. Inquire at SIBLEY & GUY'S Hardware Store, Pa av. de 12 tf

RESTREDUCED.—That pleasant COTTAGE Residence, containing 7 rooms, with front baloony large and in front and rear, forting H st., in Printing Office Square, between North Capitol and First sts.. will be rented for \$16 per month to a punctual tenant. Address, by letter or in person, WM. STICKNEY. de 11 tf

FOR RENT-Two fine PARLORS on first floor, and three CHAMBERS on the second floor above, at No. 75 Missouri avenue, between 43 and 31 sts. near the corner of 31 st. de 10-2aw3w*

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT, at 406 D street, between 6th and 7th sts. de 4-tf FOR RENT-A PARLOR, on the first floor and three fine Bedrooms on the floor above, a No 276 Ps. avenue, two doors east of the Kirk-

FOR RENT.—A three-story BRICK DWELL ING HOUSE, with back building, on 12th st No. 470. between F and G streets. Apply to J KIRKWOOD, 476 Twe fth st. no 19-dtf FOR RENT-A four-story brown front DWEL-ING, situated on Thirteenth at, between L and Massachusetts av., one of the most desirable locations in the city. The house is furnished with marble mantles; a'so, gas and water fixtures, with bath room Inquire at WM. P. SHEDD'S Fancy Store, No. 502 Eleventh at. oc 27-44t*

GREAT AUCTION SALE OF Japanese Goods, No. 206 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE,

Under Williards' Hotel I will offer the entire collection of MAGNIFICENT JAPANESE 600DS, now on exhibition, at auction some day this week, if not previously disposed of at private sale. Parties wishing to avail themselves of the most complete assortment low in the country can do so at less than their cost in Japan, on a count of the depressing state of business. Great bargains can

work Boxes, Card Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Glove Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Toilet Boxes, Ivory Chess Men, Scarfs Embroidered, Fire Foreens, Caskets, Porcelain Cups, Sancers, Go lets, Plates, Bowls, Wicker Cups. Bowls, Bottles, &c., &c.

This day at a tonishing low prices.

F. V. MACDUFF. ber, No. 206 Pennsylvania ave

de 13 5t CLOTHING!
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Having on hand a very large stock of the most fashionable styles of READY-MADE GAR-MENTS, we offer the public the greatest induce ments with our low prices, in order to r duce our stock Also, a fine assortment of GENTA' FURNISHING GOODS.

BAR & BRO., de 6-2w Corner E and Seventh sts.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO EVERYBODY -Go to FRENCH & RICHSTEIN'S, No. 278 Pa. for the land get your card engraving done. Examine their samp es and you will not fail to be satisfied with prices and styles. Don't forget the place.

FRENCH & RICHSTEIN,

no 27 No. 278 Pa avenue, Washington. IF YOU WANT TO SAVE THE UNION

Who has just received a large supply of fresh L'B-STERS, FISH, and fine OYSTERS, which he will serve to customers at the shortest not oc and on liberal terms.

P. S — Oysters served to families and hotels are not scalded; they are only scalded for persons eating them at the saloon. T. M. HARVEY.

REST FANCY GOODS, AT PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES, At STEVENS'S FANCY STORE.

10 22-tf 336, belw. 9th and 10th sts.

VIRGINIA MONEY.

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VIRGINIA MONEY Taken at par, no matter what amount of goods may be purchased of me.

de 4-tf No. 393 C st., betw. 6th and 7th sts.

MERCHANT TAILORING.

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THE LATEST NEWS TELEGRAPHIC.

The South Carolina Convention. Columbia, Dec. 17.—The South Carolina Sover-eign Convention assembled in the Baptist Church, at 12 o'clock, noon. Prayers were offered, and then on motion of ex-Governor J. H. Adams, Gen. D. F. Jamison was called to the chair. Col. T. Y. Simons was made temporary Secretary. The Chairman addressed the Convention, after which they proceeded to ballot for President.

Mr. Gist withdrew after the third ballot. The President made a brief speech, expressive of his sense of the honor conferred upon him. of his sense of the honor conferred upon nimited also said we are engaged in a great subject and a most important matter. God only knows what the result may be That it may turn out to the honor and glory of South Carolina, is my fervent wish and last prayer. May God belp the State. I feel unaccustomed to the duties of presiding over a body like this. I have long since left deliberative bodies and I must ask your indulgance for tive bodies and I must ask your indulgence for what I may be wanting. I said I had nothing to say. I can't say anything. I can't express my feelings.

A resolution was offered that when the Conven-

Gen. Jamison was elected on the fifth ballot,

lessrs. Orr, Cheenut and Gist were the opponents.

tion adjourns it adjourn to meet in Charleston to-morrow at 4 o'clock p. m. This resolution caused much debate.

Mr. Miles appealed to the Convention not to adjourn to Charleston, but to remain here, regardless of the epidemic or any other physical or moral cause, and discharge the duties required by South Carolina. He urged that the other States would jeer at their timidity in such a crisis, and the moral power of its movement would be affected in other sympathizing States if they adjourned to Charleston.

Mr. Cochrane, of Abbeville, said he would never consent to leave Columbia until the ordi-nance of secession had been passed. He urged the members to stand up to all the responsibilities of their position, and remain and perfect their work.

Mr. Keitt said that he was as ardently devoted to secession as any man, and was determined to be with the Convention until its action was complete; but he urged the adjournment of the Convention to Charleston, and said he would never consent to hurry through the proceedings of the Convention. He gave notice that no ordinance should be passed with his consent until every point was duly considered in all its bearings after a full and fair investigation and discussion. He said they were engaged in a high and patriotic duty, and he demanded that the members should be in a locality where their minds could fairly grapple with the important issues involved, and not be agitated by a loath some and fearful pestilence when there was no pressing necessity requiring it.

Others engaged in the discussion pre and con, and the motion to adjourn to Charleston was finally carried by a large majority.

A resolution was offered to supply the vacancy n St. Michael's District. Adopted. Ex-Governor Adams offered a resolution inviting Mr. Cobb, of Georgia, and Messrs. Elmore, of Alabama, and Hooker, of Missississippi, to ad-dress the Convention at 7 o'clock this evening. Carried.

A recess was then taken from half-past five to seven p. m. The Legislature has also adjourned to meet at Charleston on Thursday.

EVENING SESSION. The Convention reassembled at 7 p. m. Mr. Inglis introduced a resolution in effect that a committee of [blank] members be appointed to draft an ordinance proper to be adopted by the Convention, in order to accomplish the purpose of the Convention, and that individual members desirous of submitting for the consideration of the Convention any Graft or scheme, be requested to hand the same in without delay; also, that the acts of the General Assembly of this State proreferred to the same committee, with instructions to report thereon.

The Chair appointed a clerk, messenger, and Ex-Gov Adams introduced the Commissioners from Alabama and Mississippi, who were received with much applause by the galleries. The Commissioner from Alabama spoke first, and the Mississippi Commissioner followed; both making moderate addresses, principally showing that they were present by the authority of the Governors of their respective States, in accordance with the desires of a majority of their people.

The first resolution for the appointment of a committee on the ordinance report was then

adopted, 159 yeas, no nays.
On the second resolution Mr. Gadsbury moved to fill the blank with "21." Mr. Rbett moved to amend the resolution by inserting other matters for consideration of the Committee which may be presented to them.

The amendment was discussed at length, and rejected, and the original proposition, with the blank filled with "23," was adopted.

Mr. Manigauit offered a resolution earnestly requesting the Commissioners from Mississippi and Alabama to meet with the Convention at Charleston, which was adopted. Mr. Pope moved a vote of thanks to the Baptist denomination for the use of the church; which

was nnanimously carried.

The credentials of the Commissioners were ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the Con-At 10 20 p. m., on motion of Mr. Keitt, the Convention adjourned to meet in Charleston at 4 p. m. to morrow, (Tuesday.) BRANCHVILLE, Dec. 18-10 a. m .- The train,

consisting of eight large passenger coaches, con-taining about 400 members of the Convention, Legislature and visiters, has arrived here on its way to Charleston.

The Smallpex, &c. COLUMBIA, Dec. 17 - Fourteen cases of small-pox were reported on Sunday and seven to-day. Cases are reported only were the symptoms and developments clearly indicate the disease. The inauguration of the Governor took place at 2 o'clock. The gallery of the Hall of Representatives was crowded by many ladies. Governor Pickens read his inaugural, in which he expressed sentiments decidedly firm for secession. He was warmly applauded. In the rear of Governor Pickens, at the Speaker's stand, was Hon. Howell Cobb, and also Messrs. Elmore and Hooker, the

Commissioners from Alabama and Mississippi. Southern Steamship Burnt at New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 18 -The steamship John A. King took fi e at her dock this morning. She was hauled into the stream, where she now lies burning from stem to stern. NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- The J. A King is still burning below decks, and is almost completely destroyed. She was valued at \$160,000, and was

partially insured and owned in Charleston and

Political Reaction in Massachusetts. Boston, Dec. 16 -A strong address to the people of Massachusetts has been published, de-nouncing the unconstitutionality of the Personal Liberty Bill, and recommending its repeal. It is signed by thirty-five gentlemen, including Ex-Chief Justice Shaw, R. R. Curtis, late Judge of the U.S. Supreme Court, Ex-Governor Lincoln, Clifford, Washburn, Gardner, and other eminent citizens, representing nearly every county in the

North Carolina Legislature. RALEIGH, Dec. 17 -In the State Senate to-day a bill to arm the State was introduced. It appropriates \$300,000. Some exciting debate took place, when it was made the order for to-morrow A resolution declaring the right of secession

was offered and refferred. Steamship Collision. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The steamship James Adger and the R. R. Cuyler, from Charleston and Savannah, came in collision this morning. The former's stern and rudder was carried away, and the latter was badly damaged in her bow.

Nominations of the Alabama Convention,

Mobile, Dec. 18.—An immense co-operation meeting was beld here last night, nominating, with great unanimity, Messrs. Garland, Goode, Wm. D. Dunn, John A. Winston, and Robert H. Smith, for delegates to the State Convention. Alexandria Markets

ALEXANDRIA, Dec 18 —Flour—Family \$6.00a \$7.00; extra \$5.50a5.75; super \$4.50a5.00. Wheat —white \$1.05a\$1.20; red \$1.03a\$1.15 Corn—white 55a65c; yellow 55a60c,; mixed 50a60c. Rye 65a65. Oats 28a31c. Corn Meal 69a72c. per bushel. Seeds—1 mothy \$3a83.50; Clover \$6.25a86.62; Flaxseed \$1.40a\$1.45. Provisions—Butter, roll, the bloom 11a12c. Per \$2.5a86.72. 10a20c.; Hacon 11a13c.; Pork \$7 00s\$7 50. Lard 13a14c. Eggs 14a16c. Whisky 24a30c.

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RALTIMORE. Dec. 18. Flour dull; Howard st. and Ohio held at \$5; City Mills \$4.87, with no sales. Wheat dull; red \$1.10ai.18; white \$1.20a.140. Corn steady; new white and yellow 49.53, old do 55a60c. Provisions dull and nominal. Coffee heavy and lower at 12al3c. Whisky steady at 1840c. at 18 %c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 -Flour Sc. higher, with fair business. Wheat ic. higher, with more export inquiry. Corn buoyant. Provisions dull. Whisky dull at 18 % at 9c.

NEW YORK, December 18 -- Money unchanged.
Stocks bette , closing weak. Chicago and Rock island 46%; Illinois Central share. 63%; do. bonds 89%; Michigan Southern 28%; New York Central 78; Pa Coal Co. 73%; He ding 34%; Indson River R R. 40%; Va. 6 a 75%; Mo. 6 a 67%. **Einencini**

CHINA ORNAMENTS. Dressing Cases, Port. lolios Hair Nets. Perfumery, &c., oheap for cash at LAMMOND'S, Seventh st. de 15 31"